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Potential hate crime downtown targets Pride flags

SUE TIFFIN
Staff Reporter

Christopher O'Mara says that growing up in Haliburton, there wasn't a day for him between Grades 6 and 12 in which he wasn't called a homophobic slur.

"When I returned to Haliburton in 2013, I began to face the same sort of adversity in the community," he said. "Openly gay at this point and living with my partner this had a deep effect on how I interacted with the community because I felt unwelcome and unsafe. When one gets called homophobic slurs while grocery shopping it makes it hard to feel safe in their community."

In 2016, the window of his pet grooming salon was spray painted with a slur, and three months later, his business door was, as well. In March 2020 he received a signed letter from a community member stating she was deeply offended by the Pride flags he has flown since Minden Pride 2019 – an event that celebrates the LGBTQ community and notes the need for such events in part because of the harassment O'Mara still faces today.

"She accused me of endangering the

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Tennis love

Haliburton resident Rosie Kadwell lines up a backhand while playing tennis with her husband Kris Kadwell at the Rotary Park tennis courts on Sept. 2. /DARREN LUM Staff

Shoreline protection talks resume

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County councillors have resumed conversations regarding a shoreline protection bylaw for the county, one that would restrict site alteration and the removal of vegetation within 30 metres of the high-water mark around waterbodies.

Aimed at protecting lake health, those restrictions would go further than the county's existing tree preservation bylaw, which prohibits the cutting of trees within that 30-metre band, known as "the ribbon of life," for its ecological importance.

Conversations around the creation of the bylaw had gotten underway earlier this year, causing some controversy, particularly with local landscaping and construction companies. County council was planning a public input process that would have taken place throughout the summer with a series of town hall meetings, however, the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted that process.

County council resumed those talks during their Sept. 9 committee-of-the-whole meeting, reviewing and requesting revisions to a draft bylaw during a conversation that lasted more than two hours. A revised draft of the bylaw will come back to the council table, and a public input process will follow. Councillors also discussed a public communication and consultation plan during last week's meeting.

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt wondered how the bylaw would dovetail with existing bylaws at the lower-tier municipal level.

"That's one of the questions that I've received a lot, is, can we get a broader explanation how the dovetailing will

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Bylaw process to include public input

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happen with municipalities and their bylaws and how they will work together?" Moffatt asked county planner Charlsey White. "This will be delegating the authority up to the county and what happens, or what could or should happen, with any municipal bylaws that are lesser or conflict, and can you explain that?"

"In some cases the local municipalities have bylaws in place that cover some of these items," White said, using clean and clear bylaws, in place at the lower-tier level, as an example. "If that's to be included in the shoreline preservation bylaw, then what would happen before, I would recommend this to come into effect at the county, is work with the local municipality to either repeal, or repeal and replace, the bylaw that may conflict with this item."

"At the local level, there are no site alteration bylaws," White continued. "This would be the first and this would only apply across the shoreline areas, in all municipalities."

That's the way the county's existing tree preservation bylaw works as well.

"That is one of the many, many things I think we've heard from the public," Moffatt said, "is to eliminate that duplication or confusion, to achieve that one-stop shopping . . . I've heard that over and over."

There was some concern from some council members that the bylaw was too restrictive in some places, especially in the definition of "vegetation."

"I find this part extremely problematic," Moffatt said, "I fully support the protection and I get it, I get it, I want to do the best we can, but . . . people's yards are full of ragweed, and they might have allergies. You know, you can't tell me that someone has to get a permit from the county to pull ragweed out of their lawn because they have allergies. How far is too far?"

"Where are we crossing over from responsible maintenance, to treating people like children?" Moffatt added.

White said the draft bylaw included a list of work that would not require a permit from the county, "and some of that is exactly what you're talking about, just maintaining of existing landscaping or docks. If that material is in the area, no, we don't want to have that species-specific, you need to come in if you're doing 'x.' We want to make it clear so that people understand what they can easily do in their yard to maintain their yards. But yeah, we don't have to have that permit for clipping your ragweed."

Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy said he found the draft bylaw too restrictive.

"I think this is over the top, in my opinion," Kennedy said. "Things like goldenrod, if I want to trim some shrubs. Even though you say you don't want to nit-pick, I can just see it's going to be a nit-pick. If I bought waterfront, I'd be pretty concerned that I couldn't trim out some things that were noxious and allergenic without

having to apply for a county permit, or listen to neighbour complaints."

"I think this is really the crux of the bylaw, and if we're not considering leaving this language in, the rest of the bylaw falls apart," White said. "So maybe it's creating language to better explain the questions being asked here, so that it is clear that we're not being that nit-picky. What we're talking about is larger developments."

Kennedy added that similar bylaws in other regions extend 15 to 20 metres from the high-water mark, as opposed to 30, and said in his opinion the bylaw did nothing to address shoreline erosion.

"I guess I'll be the contrarian, I'm all in," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin, adding he supported leaving the draft bylaw the way it was and putting it out for public comment as such. "In central Ontario, I haven't been in any jurisdiction where I think the existing rules are working, at all . . . I don't kid myself that this is going to be easy, I do not. But water quality and natural habitat is the underpinning of the economy of Haliburton County, full stop, and I see no other route [than] to buy into this philosophically, work with the elements that are challenging or problematic, and if elements are unworkable, to modify or remove them in the future as we go forward."

Devolin added he thought having the bylaw complete by next spring would be in the county's best interest, and a number of councillors mentioned they'd heard or witnessed major shoreline alteration projects that have taken place this year, with residents anticipating the creation of the bylaw.

"I am interested in being in the weeds because I think it's my job to represent the concerns that people have and the questions that have been asked, and, I can't send something out for public consultation until I fully understand what the implications are and some of those details are," Moffatt said.

Circling back to the issue of shoreline erosion that Kennedy had broached, Moffatt said, "I have an example of somebody I know who waited two years – wait until we get to the ministry, the other agencies part [of the bylaw] – two years for an MNR permit, all the while, their shoreline was falling into the lake, and eating their property back toward their building. So, it's all well and good for us to say we're going to rely on the jurisdictional parameters of other agencies, but only if those agencies are responding in a timely and efficient manner."

As for public consultation, a number of councillors seemed to agree to the idea of hiring a communications firm to create promotional and educational materials, and amid the COVID-19 pandemic, public input will be facilitated digitally and through means other than in-person town hall meetings.

A revised draft of the bylaw and updated information regarding the public input framework will come back to the council table.

Pedestrian dies following Hwy 118 collision

A 59-year-old Haliburton man is dead after a single vehicle collision involving a dump truck and pedestrian on Hwy 118 earlier this month.

Haliburton Highlands OPP distributed a press release Sept. 10 with further details of the collision that occurred on Sept. 4, which closed the highway from Fred Jones Road and Kennaway Road near Haliburton.

"On Sept. 4 at approximately 12:50 p.m., OPP and emergency crews responded to a single vehicle colli-

sion involving a dump truck and pedestrian on Highway 118 in the [Municipality] of Dysart et al," reads the press release. "The pedestrian, a 59-year-old man from Haliburton was transported to local hospital where he was pronounced deceased."

OPP technical traffic collision investigators attended the scene to assist with the investigation, which is ongoing. No foul play is suspected.

~ Staff

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Community rallies behind Haliburton shop owner

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youth of our community, quoted scripture to describe my 'sin' and carried on about how upsetting it is for her to see them every time she drives by," he said of the letter.

On Sept. 6 at around 11 p.m., O'Mara was again the target of what he is calling a hate crime.

Two Pride flags hanging in front of his home and business were damaged and stolen, with the perpetrators leaving the Canadian flags flying next to them alone. Surveillance video shows two people approaching the flags on the sidewalk, while one person works on taking the flags down, the other appears to keep surveillance on the street before helping. With the flags down, they run back down the sidewalk in the direction they came. O'Mara shared the surveillance footage – in place because of the previous events – with police and on social media.

"While I don't know whether this was hate motivated, it is hard to think otherwise as they didn't touch any other flags we were flying," said O'Mara. "Once again, I find myself feeling shaken and questioning whether or not it is worth it to be a vocal queer advocate in our community. While I believe that my role as a queer business owner is an important one to show our youth that you can be different and still exist in small town Ontario, these incidents make it difficult to want to carry this particular torch."

O'Mara is owner and groomer at Prettypaws Pet Boutique and Spa on Highland Street in Haliburton, where he also lives with his partner, Adam Perecko.



Two figures can be seen approaching Prettypaws Pet Boutique and Spa on Sept. 6 on Highland Street in Haliburton. In the video, captured by surveillance cameras on the side of the business, the people can be seen taking down two Pride flags that were affixed to the fence. /Courtesy of Christopher O'Mara

"I have had enough," he wrote on social media. "I am sick of being bullied in my home."

This time he is offering a \$250 cash reward for information that leads police to charge the individuals involved in damaging and stealing his pride flags, which has been raised to \$1,000 due to pledges from community members and friends.

"[The reward] is being offered to show how seriously we take this kind of hatefulness in our community," said O'Mara.

"We deserve better than to suffer these indignities and if the offenders can be caught and charged it may make others think twice before vandalizing other businesses."

Support for O'Mara, as well as embarrassment and shame from fellow local residents about the targeted vandalism, was expressed on the post on his Facebook page, which was shared more than 300 times.

"Supportive voices for equality and kindness need to be loud," read one com-

ment. "People who find it difficult to love everyone are entitled to their opinion but they are not entitled to be mean and hateful. There is enough hurt in this world. Shame on them."

"Wow. I'm soooo sorry homophobes are still in our community and feel somehow 'OK' with totally unacceptable and hateful behaviour," read another comment. "This makes me so mad on the one hand, but overwhelmingly sad on the other. Know that you have our support ... We will speak out."

O'Mara said he has been "extremely touched by the outpouring of support this time, and all the times before, by our community, friends and family."

Haliburton Highlands OPP said they are investigating a mischief and theft incident in relation to the Pride flags being stolen from the business, and said that any information in relation to the identification of the individuals seen in the video O'Mara posted to Facebook would be appreciated. They noted they cannot comment on the incident as being a hate crime, as it is still under investigation.

"...Hate is not in the fabric of the Highlands," said O'Mara. "It is the result of a handful of small-minded individuals," he said. "Haliburton and Minden are loving and inclusive communities full of supportive allies and advocates. We will not be silenced to go into hiding because of hate. It only makes us more galvanized to set an example of being out and proud for our community's youth."

Anyone with information is asked to call Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477.

Superintendent discusses challenges of bus route planning in 2020

JENN WATT

Editor

Bus driver shortages have posed issues for schools across the province and at Trillium Lakelands District School Board the superintendent of business services said it's not yet clear whether there will be busing issues locally.

During the board of trustees meeting on Sept. 8, superintendent Tim Ellis said bus routing was originally done in May, and with re-registration numbers changing so much in recent weeks, routing is currently being updated.

Ellis said he could foresee two scenarios, one where the reduction in students attending classes in school buildings meant fewer drivers were needed, and another in which some drivers decide the new work environment with COVID-19 protocols was not suitable for them.

"As we know that we have roughly 2,000 children that are not opting in to go to schools [instead choosing to learn at home], that means the amount of children that need to be picked up is going to drop a significant chunk, which may mean the ability for us to consolidate some routes, which may reduce the requirement to find more drivers," Ellis said.

"On the other hand," he continued, "we are at 25 per cent of our elementary students [who] attended school today [Sept. 8]. As we ramp up to 100 per cent, some of the drivers might get that overwhelming feeling, particularly with the enhanced procedures that we are asking of them in terms of hand sanitizing and things like that, so we may also see a few more resignations coming down the pipe."

On the first day back to school, 12 routes have driver shortages, Ellis said, particularly in the Muskoka part of the board.

"We are working with the providers to see what they can do about shoring up their lineup," he said.

During the week of Sept. 8 to 11, elementary students were returning to school in phases. About 15 per cent of students across TLDSB have chosen to learn from home, with a virtual school starting the week of Sept. 21.

In his report on the 2019-2020 school year, Ellis told trustees that transportation services had contracted 337 vehicles, moving 13,350 students across the district, which is more than 11,500 square kilometres. The average ride time for students in the last school year was 24 minutes with less than two per cent of students having a ride longer than an hour. His report explained that those who are on a bus for more than an hour either live very far from a school or have chosen to attend a school other than their home school.

The average distance an elementary school student walked to a bus stop in 2019-2020 was 240 metres; for secondary students, that average was 370 metres.

Last year there were 25 minor accidents "which were primarily minor collisions with no major injuries to any students. Bus operators continue to be diligent in the delivery of defensive driving and accident avoidance training as required in their contract with the board," the report says.

Bus cancellations were fewer in winter of 2019 than in the year previous with only one for Haliburton, down from eight in 2018.



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Tracking COVID-19 in schools

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Parents and caregivers, as well as Ontarians in general, concerned about confirmed COVID-19 cases in class or at daycare will be able to track outbreaks of the virus at schools and child care centres across the province on a new website launched by the provincial government on Sept. 11. The site shares information about COVID-19 cases of students and staff in Ontario schools and child care centres by 10:30 a.m. each weekday. On the day of its launch, 13 schools across the province were reporting confirmed cases of the virus.

"The premier and our government made a promise to parents, that we would ensure that they would have access to the same information that we have," said a joint statement released Sept. 11 by Minister of Education Stephen Lecce and Peter Bethlenfalvy, president of the treasury board and minister responsible for the Ontario Digital Service. "Over the last several weeks, we have been working with the Ministry of Health, the Ontario Digital Service and public health authorities, to ensure a rapid and transparent exchange of local COVID-19 data."

The opposition New Democratic Party had asked the Ford government to commit to posting an online list of all schools with COVID-19 cases, while maintaining student and staff privacy. "Of course we all hope that COVID-19 doesn't make its way into schools, but we believe parents, students and staff including supply teachers should be informed if it does," said Marit Stiles, NDP education critic. "With so much pressure being put on staff, students and their families to monitor symptoms and follow protocols, they deserve information and transparency."

The NDP had also pushed for an online listing of long-term care homes with COVID-19 cases and outbreaks. Long-term care and retirement homes have seen numerous outbreaks since the beginning of the pandemic, with almost 6,000 confirmed cases in Ontario reported to be long-term care residents, 2,657 cases reported as a health-care worker associated with long-term care outbreaks and 1,825 of the province's 2,813 deaths reported as being long-term care home residents or staff.

"The Ford government tried to downplay and hide the growing tragedy in long-term care homes as the virus swept in," said Stiles. "We can't let them make the same mistake with our children."

Ford announced the new school and child care website reporting on Sept. 9.

"I think it's so important that we report every single case as we did with long-term care," Ontario Premier Doug Ford told reporters at a news conference last week.

"We'll do the same in school."

Locally, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit will continue providing updates on the number of confirmed cases through its own website, while school boards and schools are required to have a COVID-19 advisory section on their website where information about confirmed cases will be posted. The health unit is encouraging parents and caregivers to visit their local health unit website for updated information and links to the school board reopening plans as information is being updated regularly.

"Based on the operational guidance from the ministry, an outbreak is defined as two or more confirmed cases in students and/or staff with an epidemiological link, within a 14-day period, where at least one case would have reasonably acquired the infection in the school," said Chandra Tremblay of the health unit, noting: "There may be situations where a staff or student tests positive for COVID-19, but the exposure was not in the school and an outbreak is not declared."

Parents have been asked to commit to screen daily for symptoms within their family prior to sending their children to school.

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board has been working with local public health units in creating the return to school plans. Elementary students across the district who are attending in-person have had staggered starts with both elementary and secondary school students returning back to school full-time this week.

"TLDSB has been working with local health units throughout the COVID-19 pandemic," said Sinead Fegan, TLDSB communications officer. "The return to school plans for both staff and for students were reviewed by public health prior to publishing and sharing. However, student illness and COVID-19 outbreak protocols were developed after receiving information from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health on Aug. 26."

Fegan said on Sept. 10 the school board was working with local health units to "determine exactly who will receive information and when," in relation to confirmed cases of COVID-19 in schools. "Typically if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19, the health unit will know this first (due to receiving testing results)," she said of the reporting process. "Public health will then be responsible for contacting all those who have been in contact with individuals with COVID-19. Schools will assist public health with this contact tracing. The school board will need to balance the need to protect the privacy of individuals with determining how information will be shared beyond. Once we have this determined, we will let our school communities know our process."

Though parents and volunteers are not

being granted access to school buildings right now, Fegan said anyone who does enter TLDSB schools and buses, including bus drivers, teachers, school staff and students, must do a daily health assessment.

"If they have any of the symptoms on the health assessment chart, they are not to ride a bus or attend at a school, they are to follow instructions on the Ministry of Health COVID-19 assessment page, and not return to school or ride a bus until there are no symptoms," she said.

Though parents and caregivers have expressed concern related to students having the symptoms of seasonal allergies or colds and flu at this time of year, Fegan clarified: "All students, staff, and essential visitors who have any of the symptoms persisting for more than a few hours, and for whom the symptoms are new and not related to seasonal allergies or pre-existing medical conditions, must stay home, and should be tested for COVID-19 if advised to do so by a medical professional."

Should someone become ill while at school, they will be isolated – students being supervised with a staff member wearing full PPE – and either go directly home, if staff, or wait to be picked up by a guardian. The area where the person has isolated, as well as the classroom, will then be disinfected.

"We know that seasonal flu and colds persist at this time of the year, however if the person's symptoms relate to COVID-19 symptoms on the health assessment chart, then this will be reported to the health unit and the school will follow direction from public health at that point," said Fegan.

Public health would determine at what point an entire class would be quarantined, or a school would be closed, with schools reporting each day the number of absences to the board and to the Ministry of Education.

"This will be closely monitored," said Fegan.

The TLDSB community is asked to continue to monitor the board's Return to School page.

"We expect there will be ongoing updates as new information arrives and we update our documents," said Fegan. "We know this is a challenging time for everyone involved. If any family needs assistance, please contact the school. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding."

As of Sept. 14, there were no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County, with 15 cases previously listed as being resolved. On its launch on Sept. 11, the new school and child care centre case tracking website had listed, of 4,828 schools that were reopening, 13 current school-related cases – four students and nine staff – in schools in Ottawa, Pickering, Oakville, Brampton, Mississauga and Waterloo. Of 5,500 licensed child care centres in Ontario and more than 120 licensed home child care agencies in Ontario, 56 of them have seen COVID-19 cases – 30 children and 26 staff – with 18 centres closing and 64 homes closing. As of Sept. 14, 44,817 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Ontario, with 39,974 of those cases resolved. The province reported 313 cases on Sept. 14.

Public schools closed in Ontario on March 13, as the novel coronavirus first began to spread across Ontario. In the TLDSB region, 15 per cent of students opted to study virtually through the board's online program, which has been delayed in beginning and is expected to start Sept. 21.

For more information about local cases visit www.hkpr.on.ca.

For more information about COVID-19 cases in schools and child care centres visit www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-cases-schools-and-child-care-centres.

This is the cumulative data on confirmed COVID-19 cases in the HKPR District Health Unit area.

	Haliburton	City of Kawartha Lakes	Northumberland	HKPRDHU
Confirmed Cases	15	179	37	231
Current Probable Cases+	0	0	0	0
Current High Risk Contacts+	0	5	2	7
Hospitalizations (Total to Date)	1	11	3	15
Resolved**	15	160	33	208
Not Resolved	0	0	3	3
Deaths	0	32	1	33
Current Outbreaks	0	0	0	0

Above is the cumulative data for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit as of Monday, Sept. 14. Haliburton County has had 15 total COVID-19 cases and all of them have been resolved. Go to hkpr.on.ca to see data updated Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



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This drawing shows the proposed layout for a commercial development off Hops Drive, including a drive-thru restaurant, gas bar and 10,000-square-foot retail store.



Council talks commercial development in Dysart

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

A commercial development being proposed for Hops Drive in Haliburton would include a gas bar, 10,000-square-foot retail building and drive-thru restaurant, councillors for the Municipality of Dysart et al heard during a Sept. 8 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

The committee-of-the-whole structure, practised in Minden Hills as well as more recently the county level, involves an advisory committee that includes all of council reviewing documents and having discussions. Typically, such meetings are discussion-based, with actual decisions on items taking place during a regular council meeting later in the month.

As a report from planning staff indicated, currently there is some discrepancy in the amount of securities that should be given to the municipality by the developer, those securities calculated based on the value of the groundworks at the site.

"The developer had some discrepancies with the work cost estimates required for the development, as reviewed by the municipality's engineers," planner Kris Orsan told councillors.

The developer – Marnac Management Corp., out of North York – has pegged the securities amount at approximately \$150,000, the municipality approximately \$200,000.

Orsan told the councillors the developer was scheduled to make a delegation during council's regular meeting later in the month. Meetings continue to be held via online conferencing app Zoom and broadcast to the public on YouTube amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Councillor John Smith questioned whether council should be allowing a drive-thru restaurant.

"Some communities have started to limit, place restrictions on, even prohibit the construction of drive-thru facilities," Smith said, referring to site plan documents. "As you see from the diagram here, there are several vehicles lined up waiting at a drive-thru facility, and that has impact, obviously, on our environment."

Mayor Andrea Roberts said that in years past, council had voted against a drive-thru restaurant closer to the village's core, and noted that Hops Drive is more on its outskirts.

"We actually turned down an application, years ago, but it was in the village and . . . was beside residential [zoning]," Roberts said. "For many reasons, we didn't want idling and queueing of vehicles."

"This is sort of outside of that," Roberts continued. "We do have compatibility with another just down the road, which also has drive-thru."

The Haliburton Tim Hortons is located not far down County Road 21 from Hops Drive.

Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy wondered at what point council would be able to comment on sign appearance and height, as well as the buildings' aesthetic, to keep with a rural Ontario feel, rather than that of a uniform big-box store.

Orsan said if there was direction from the committee, that's something that could be looked at. "Or, at the council meeting, that could be a discussion with the developer at that time, to say, you know, these are the things we would like to see."

Highlands East man, 58, dies in two-vehicle collision

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, along with Highlands East Fire Department and Haliburton County Paramedic Services, responded to reports of a two-vehicle collision on Loop Road in the Municipality of Highlands East, on Friday, Sept. 11, at approximately 2:20 p.m.

Initial investigation revealed that a passenger vehicle attempted to conduct a U-turn in front of a dump truck that was travelling southbound on Loop Road.

The driver of the passenger vehicle, 58-year-old Danny Linkert from Highlands East was pronounced deceased at the scene. A post-mortem examination is scheduled.

The OPP technical traffic collision investigators attended the scene to assist with the investigation.

The investigation is ongoing. Further information will be released as it becomes available.

Submitted by Haliburton Highlands OPP

Highlands Opera Studio bringing music to Head Lake Park

JENN WATT
Editor

The hills of Haliburton will once again be alive with the sound of music next weekend as opera singers Lauren Margison and River Guard and pianist Stéphane Mayer perform from the band shell of Head Lake Park.

Up to 100 people can attend the outdoor concert to comply with coronavirus precautionary guidelines, which is being offered for free by the Highlands Opera Studio on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 2 p.m., with assistance from the Rotary Club of Haliburton and the Haliburton County Folk Society.

"This event is meant to be a gift to Haliburton County and not a fundraiser for Highlands Opera Studio," general and co-artistic director Valerie Kuinka said in an email. "Although all the Highlands Opera Studio internal professional training and development took place online [this summer], an integral part of the program for these young professionals is spending time in Haliburton County and performing for our amazing audiences. This was deeply missed."

Typically, those who are admitted into the program each year will come to Haliburton Village for professional train-

ing. This year, 15 singers and two pianists completed the program through the Zoom online conferencing app, receiving private coaching and participating in group sessions with opera professionals.

"We wanted to offer this concert to let the community know how much we missed them, and to share music from opera, musical theatre, and folk/pop performed by these three professional performers who are from the GTA who would've been in Haliburton this past summer," Kuinka said.

She thanked Ted Brandon of Haliburton Rotary Club and Thom Lambert of the Haliburton County Folk Society for helping to make the concert happen.

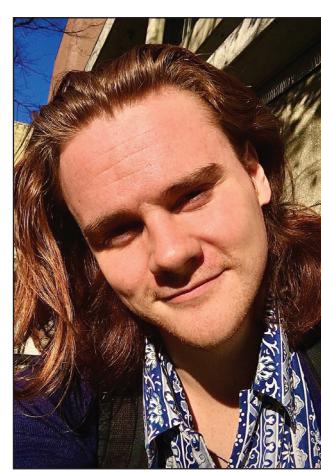
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— Valerie Kuinka
General and co-artistic director



Lauren Margison, operatic soprano/singer/songwriter, will perform at Head Lake Park on Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. as part of a free concert put on by Highlands Opera Studio. / Photo submitted



River Guard, tenor/singer/songwriter, will be performing at the band shell in Haliburton on Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. /Photo submitted



HOS staff collaborative pianist and vocal coach Stéphane Mayer. / Submitted photo

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Fair

Let Pride flags fly

WE SHOULD ALL be disturbed and distressed by the recent theft of rainbow flags from the private property of a local business on Haliburton's main street.

Christopher O'Mara, owner of PrettyPaws Pet Boutique and Spa and vocal advocate for LGBTQ people, has once again had his business property targeted. On Sept. 6, two adults approached his salon with one standing on the street, appearing to keep watch, as the other tore down two rainbow flags, the rainbow design being a well-recognized symbol of LGBTQ Pride. Notably, the Canadian flags were untouched. A video of the theft captured by a security camera on the building shows that it took the two figures mere minutes to rip the flags down and flee the scene.

The impact of their actions will last much longer.

Stealing these flags sends a message that Haliburton is not a welcoming community for all. It is an ugly act – and one that does appear to be motivated by hate. This is not the first time that O'Mara has had to endure this kind of treatment and as an out, gay man, in the past, he's also had homophobic slurs spray-painted on his shop.

We should all be horrified that this has happened again in this town – and again to this local businessperson who continues to provide a voice for people in the

LGBTQ community, promoting acceptance and inclusivity.

After so much adversity, no one would blame O'Mara and his partner Adam Perecko if they decided that enough is enough, and they're moving out of town. How many of us would feel comfortable sticking around if the same had happened to us?

But we are lucky in Haliburton that they aren't choosing that route; O'Mara said this action has motivated him to set an example of being out and proud.

"I want readers to know that despite ill intentions from certain individuals, Haliburton is a community built on and surrounded by love and support," he said.

And he's right. For the few people who think they have the right to pull down Pride flags or spray-paint graffiti on local

shops, there are so many more who embrace their neighbours and delight in symbols of acceptance and love.

Hundreds, if not thousands of us have taken part in Pride events over the years, have smiled when we saw Pride flags flown high, have posted LGBTQ ally stickers in our homes. Maybe now is the time to redouble those efforts and make visible our support of all people in our community – dust off your Pride T-shirt from last year, fill your social media feeds with messages of acceptance, and let those who would drag down the spirit of Haliburton know that hate isn't tolerated here.



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Editorial

Good noise

WITH A WHOOP and a holler the crowd roared by. Or so it seemed to Bert. He was just descending the stairs after his afternoon nap when he saw the source of all the commotion. Kids. To be more precise – kids on bikes.

Bert wondered what a person had to do to get some peace and quiet on the street. After working outside all morning he had been ready for his daily siesta. But shouts and crunching gravel had put an end to that. Feeling grumpy and frustrated he had thrown off his blanket and tramped downstairs, heading for the kitchen and hopefully, a reviving cup of tea.

He stopped to look through the living room window. Like a cowboy straddling his horse, he saw one of the neighbourhood boys waiting for the others, his legs planted wide. Young ruffians, Bert muttered to himself. Just then four other youngsters caught up with the one who had stopped in front of Bert's house and then all five were off again, making yet another circle around the block.

This was a new development in Bert's life. Up until now his neighbours had been much like him. Retired folks for the most part, they quietly went about their business of gardening, walking their dogs or sipping drinks on their backyard decks. When the new family moved in on the corner it was evident they were a different bunch. Bicycles and scooters now lay scattered beside the driveway. A stroller was parked by the back door and a couple of large and furry dogs bounced around the fenced yard.

It was noisy chaos compared to what had been. However it was the children that now made life so different for Bert. Once the new family had arrived, like magic more children appeared on the scene. Bert hadn't known there were so many in this part of the village. He guessed they ranged in age from about eight to 12 years with the younger ones always a little behind and trying to catch up.

Still muttering under his breath, he

waited for the kettle to boil. Things were different when he was a boy, he told himself. He was taught to be respectful of others, to behave. Then he stopped and thought to himself, wait a minute.

His bike had been blue, with streamers and a bell on the handlebars. He had wedged baseball cards between the spokes so they made a clicking sound when the wheels turned. Together with his best friend Mike Baker, he'd spend the whole day outside, riding around the neighbourhood, seeing what adventures they might find. Old Mr. Jackson one block over had been a real pain back then. Every time he and Mike rode by Jackson's house, the old guy would let out his German shepherd and the dog scared the devil out of the boys as he chased them down the street. What a grump that old guy had been.

Bert hadn't thought about Mike Baker for years. He wondered if he was even still alive. Images of past glories flashed through his mind. Finding the bird's nest in the parkette. Setting up a jumping ramp with two bricks and a cracked piece of plywood in his driveway. Doing wheelies in the middle of the street. They'd ride and ride for hours and Jason figured they knew just about everything that went on in those four or five blocks of their neighbourhood.

Here they came again, and this time Bert noticed they weren't all boys. A girl sporting a pink helmet with Wonder Woman hand printed on the front was part of the group. She looked about nine, her legs pumping furiously as the group passed by. Bert could feel his face softening. After all, they were outside being active instead of sitting in front of a screen. He knew that was a good thing. And really, he asked himself, what harm were they doing? They were just kids playing outside. A herd of joy riders in the best sense. He decided the next time they rode by he would wave and give them a thumbs up. He didn't want to be another old Mr. Jackson.

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Summer saturation

by Darren Lum

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Letter from my grandson

THE OTHER DAY my oldest daughter texted me and asked for my address so that my grandson Hudson could send me something special in the mail. They currently live at the top end of Baffin Island – which means whatever he is sending should arrive here in a week or so. And since this is the first thing my grandson has ever mailed to me, it's going to be truly special no matter what it is.

Frankly, I'm very excited to see what my only grandchild has sent to his dear old grandpa.

It could be a cute drawing or a photo. It might very well be a fine example of post-modern macaroni art. It just might be the first alphabet he has ever penned. All of these things are precious.

But, if I'm going to be completely honest, I'm hoping he's sending a cheque. For a substantial amount of money too.

I know. Whatever Hudson is going to send me will be priceless and from the heart.

That goes without saying. After all, he is three years old and this is, as far as I know, the first letter he has ever sent. Obviously, whatever is in that package is going to represent a cherished memory for me. It will be the first thing my grandson has ever sent to me.

It could be just about anything.

But wouldn't it be great if it were money? I would remember that a whole lot more.

Don't get me wrong. I will not be upset if the envelope does not contain a large sum of money. A small amount would be welcome too.

But, again – I'm going to be honest here – I think the kid is good for it. I'm pretty sure he's flush.

Every Christmas and birthday we send him money because it's easier than shipping large toys up to Pond Inlet where he lives. So, I figure he's amassed a small fortune by now. And he still lives at home, so his overhead costs are low.

Oh yeah, he's making coin.

More to the point, if he has invested it wisely in first edition comic books, soapstone carvings and fine shotguns, as grandpa suggested, Hudson is probably loaded. I'm not sure he heeded my advice to start panning for gold, but if he did, there's that revenue stream too.

Again, to be clear, I'm fine if he isn't sending money. But money would be preferred.

The last thing I want to be is one of those grandparents who expects too much of their grandchildren. That's why I advised him to wait until he is five before he stakes his own iron mine claim. I say let a kid be a kid.

Besides, there's still plenty of time for him to make his fortune. I know this because I am still working on that. Which is another reason why a nice fat cheque would be really appreciated.

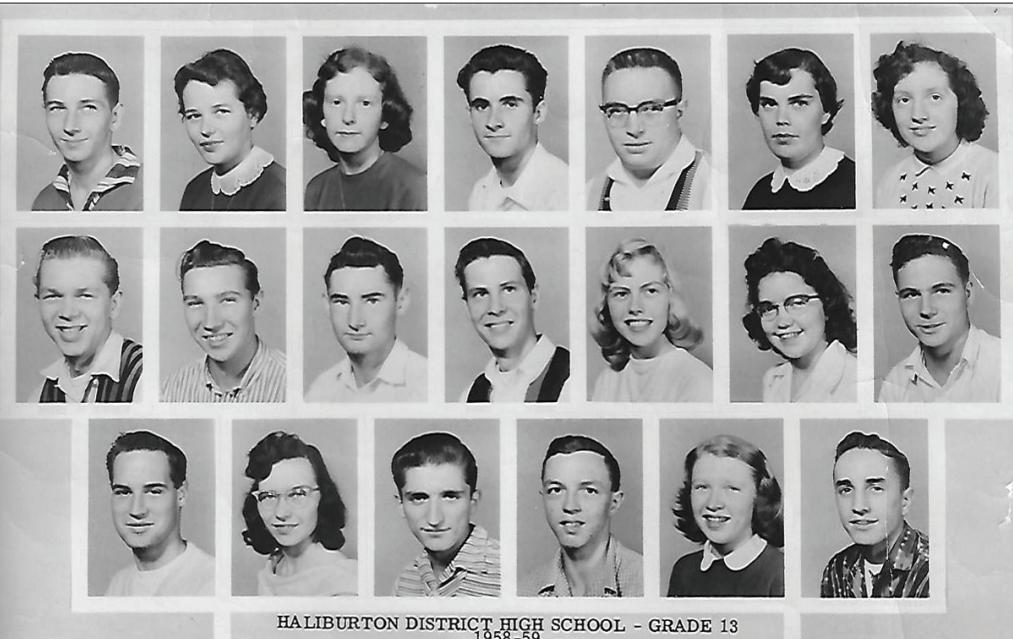
I know this sounds materialistic and unsentimental. Especially if you believe the stereotype that says we grandparents are supposed to love finger painting and the macaroni art. Or that we're supposed to gush about how talented our grandkids are and tell you that it's the thought that counts. That's all well and good but I think my grandson deserves honesty too. And that means knowing that money talks.

Again, I'd definitely hang any painting Hudson made on the fridge or place a photo of him on my desk if it should come to that. But, you know, if he sent money, I'd probably frame that too.



Loon Tales

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pic of the past

The class of 1959 at Haliburton District High School. Top row from left, David Bishop, Diane Leavitt, Marlene Black, Grey Sisson, Sylvia Harrison, Glenda Medley. Middle row from left, Karlo Kaasalainen, Cliff Archer, Bert Hunter, Mike Walsh, Karen Robertson, Joan Earl, David Congdon. Bottom row from left, Michael McInerney, Marlene Barry, Gerald Chabot, Carl Godfrey, Sheila Curry, Keith Newbatt. Missing: Jeremy Glasssey (valedictorian), Lyle Pearsell. Submitted by Grey Sisson and Karen Dunsmore. Do you have a pic of the past to share? Bring it to 146 Highland Street in Haliburton or email it to jenn@haliburtonpress.com. We love seeing your pictures.

letters to the editor

The case for banning fireworks

To the Editor,

After enduring several illegal fireworks displays in August, I propose their total ban other than in designated areas or at public events.

This is more than just about fire hazards, noise control, litter or a wish to "kill fun." This is simply about what is inherently inappropriate for the experience and appreciation of nature that Haliburton heavily promotes.

Currently local bylaws restrict fireworks to designated holidays, but why bother when enforcement is impossible – bylaw officers are unavailable after hours and police intervention overreaching. Complaints afterwards are worthless. Only pre-emptive measures can be truly effective.

The fundamental question is why are fireworks considered at all appropriate in Haliburton that prides and sells itself on the beauty and pristine experience of its natural environment. Why are a few allowed to hijack and despoil the grandeur and serenity of a summer's evening or needlessly frighten vulnerable people or wildlife? Call it what it is – gratuitous noise and light pollution.

Something is inappropriate when obviously unsuitable for its setting, despite its legality. Wear-

ing a bikini to the office, yelling during a symphony concert or urinating in public are inappropriate given their circumstances. Similarly, the loud flashing explosions of fireworks are grossly incompatible in their startling contrast with the evening solitude of a peaceful natural setting. The issue is simply about respect for nature, and for those living in or lured to Haliburton for the profound experience of nature. A 2016 Remax report found that when in cottage country, Canadians ranked peace and quiet most important (94 per cent), followed by privacy (91 per cent) and water access/beaches (75 per cent).

The fact that fireworks are a source (not a right) of personal/family enjoyment for some is no more self-justification than gunfire, loud music, or one's barking dog. Not every environment is suited for fireworks, so why allow a few to spoil the quiet enjoyment of others? We don't set aside days for loud music.

Personal fireworks should be banned and, to be effective, that must include their sale in county stores.

Garry Lamourie
Sharon Lake

Other ways to handle back-to-school time

To the Editor,

Regarding schools opening during this COVID-19 pandemic and our crowded classrooms, I'd like to mention what other countries such as the Dominican Republic and other surrounding islands are doing.

When there is a group of 30 or more children, this group is split in half and they attend a classroom in the morning from 9 a.m. to noon, the other half from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Needless to say, this

makes for a long day for any teacher!

Some islands have their students attend school on alternate days from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The above solutions may present us with a couple of ways to deal with our overcrowded classrooms.

Milton Sheppard
Retired teacher of 33 years in Scarborough

More letters to the editor on page 8

Birthday calendars to raise funds for Wilberforce community

To the Editor,

Our Wilberforce FUNraising Group is working with the Wilberforce Curling Club again this year to put our the Community Birthday Calendars. We want to let everyone know what they are as they are a little bit of fun as well as a fundraiser for our local community. The calendars have been around way back about 40 years ago and then dropped off for a while. We revived the fundraiser during the millennium year and have been putting it out since. However 2020 seems to be a very trying year so maybe a little more fun will help out. How it works is

that you purchase your calendar and give us your special dates for birthdays and anniversaries and memoriams. Not to worry: no years are needed, just the day. These are all placed on the calendar with everyone who purchases a calendar. Now each morning next year you can glance at the calendar and know who the day is special for – if it is a friend or family member you can reach out and give them best wishes for the day – just to make the day a little brighter!

We also sell advertising to our local businesses and volunteer groups and they are on the calendar. It is so easy to find a local phone number when you need a business.

Many a time folks have been searching for contact information and we let them know they are on our calendar. Let's look there. Most of the ads are already sold on the calendar but we have a few spaces if you are interested in purchasing advertising.

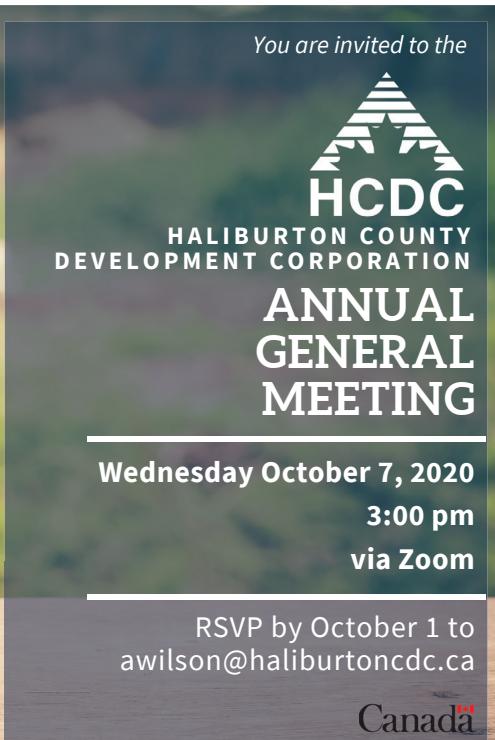
We also try to include as many events on the calendar as well. This will be tough to do as we will not know for sure if we can hold events this coming year or not but we can always list the regular ones and hope for the best. Lots of groups are recreating how to hold events so we may see new alternatives in the old regular slots.

We would appreciate it if you could sup-

port us this year by purchasing a community calendar or advertising space. Fundraising is tough this year and our group likes to help our community wherever we can with funds raised. The Curling Club is unable to hold their season this year but the need for funding still continues. All proceeds support our local community.

You can contact us with your details and to purchase a calendar with Kathy at 705-448-1285 or Sandra at 705-935-0098 and Agnew's General Store is also helping us out.

Kathy Rogers
Wilberforce



A juvenile sharp-shinned hawk heads out to catch a blue jay. Submitted by Belinda Gallagher

Those Other Movies presses pause on upcoming season

Those Other Movies, the organization dedicated to bringing films and documentaries to Haliburton County, announced recently that it would take a hiatus for the 2020/2021 season due to COVID-19 precautions.

Monthly film showings as well as their popular Haliburton International Film Festival in the fall and Doc(k) Day in the

spring, have been cancelled.

Organizers will recommend movies on their Facebook page and website haliburton-movies.com.

"Let's stay connected. Let's continue to laugh, cry and chat about it all," a press release from organizers says.

Staff

Consider joining the Canadian Federation of University Women

Are you missing meeting others because of the pandemic? Would you like to meet new friends and become active in groups such as cuisine, bridge, hiking, euchre, book clubs?

Think about becoming a member of The Canadian Federation of University Women Haliburton Highlands, part of a national organization in Canada for more than 100 years. The purpose of CFUW-HH is to promote friendship, life-long learning and advocacy among our members. Our local focus is on socializing with other women through our fun interest groups and our monthly series of stimulating speakers and events. We encourage

members to use their expertise to bring about change, with a focus on women's issues such as violence against women, early learning and childcare, education, economic prosperity and the empowerment of women as leaders and decision-makers. We welcome any woman who supports the goals of CFUW to join regardless of level of education. For more information go to our website www.cfuhh.ca, or call Pam Hewitt Osborne at phewittoborne@gmail.com or Gail Gotter at g_gotter@hotmail.com.

Submitted

HSAD goes back to school, virtually

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Staff Reporter

Rather than a bustling campus with about 100 new full-time students joining the fall semester at the Haliburton campus of Fleming College, about 40 students are enrolled in three online programs being offered by the Haliburton School of Art + Design this semester, studying virtually while the school itself stays empty of students.

On March 13, the college announced that classes at all of its campuses, including Haliburton School of Art + Design would be cancelled as a precautionary measure against infection and spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19. Fleming College is offering all programs at its campuses – Sutherland, Frost, Cobourg and Haliburton – through online and alternate delivery, with the fall 2020 semester beginning Sept. 8.

While some post-secondary schools are offering a blend of online and in-person classes immediately, Fleming has opted for online classes only for the first seven weeks of the semester.

"From the onset of COVID-19, Fleming made the safety of our students, employees and communities our highest priority," said Maureen Adamson, president, Fleming College. "Our approach may have been different than other institutions, but all decisions were made with safety as the first priority. The nature of the Haliburton programs, being in-person with a lot of physical material contact, and being very collaborative with people in close contact, made it difficult to continue the programs in a completely safe manner."

Adamson said students and staff have been "fantastic," with faculty and staff quickly adapting to the new context.

"We have had to make some very difficult decisions, but overall people understand why they were made and understand that we are committed to building back better and stronger than ever," said Adamson.

In a back-to-school introductory post to all students on Fleming's website, Adamson said: "While we are disappointed that we will not be seeing you in person, Fleming has been working hard to ensure our digital learning spaces are engaging and rewarding. Your safety, and the safety of our entire community remains our top priority, which is

why we launched our Fleming Safe plan."

At HSAD, diploma programs Visual and Creative Arts, Integrated Design and a Drawing and Painting certificate program are being offered online for the first seven weeks of the semester. In the second part of the semester beginning in November, the school plans to offer the last seven weeks of classes in a hybrid manner, with some online courses and some face-to-face time in studios, according to Angela Stukator, HSAD campus principal and dean.

Fleming is committed to a Fleming Safe program, which will ensure students, staff and faculty are safe and adhering to very carefully prescribed protocols including physical distancing, hygiene and other related measures," said Stukator. "The college has worked tirelessly to develop a plan – and a back-up plan – that is aligned with the Ministry of Health directives."

According to the Fleming College website, program delivery is subject to change based on government and public health requirements.

"Our team has worked incredibly hard to adjust our programs, schedules and facilities as we continue to adapt to our new context," said Adamson. "We look forward to welcoming students to our campuses at the appropriate time as we strive to support student success, while maintaining health and safety as our top priority."

Each HSAD program currently being offered has reached capacity.

"Typically we offer a couple of other certificate programs, but we wanted to be cautious and careful with this first COVID cohort," said Stukator. "We'll see how the fall unfolds as we plan for the winter semester with a continued eye on Fleming Safe."

Adamson said the vast majority of full-time or summer students at the Haliburton campus – over 90 per cent – are from outside the area, which she said creates a positive impact on economic development for Haliburton County, a "positive benefit for the community" that the college looks forward to growing.

"The changes we have made were made in the interest of safety," Adamson told the Echo. "We will build back our enrolment, we will bring back our fantastic summer programming and we remain steadfastly committed to growing the Haliburton School of Art + Design as one of the true gems in the Ontario college system."



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Rumours of 100s of cottagers enrolling in local schools overblown: director

JENN WATT

Editor

A rumour that 300 students from cottaging households had registered in Haliburton schools this fall was an inflated number, the school board's director of education said at a meeting last week.

Asked by Trillium Lakelands District School Board's Haliburton trustee Gary Brohman for updated numbers, Wesley Hahn said he would look into it, but that the number Brohman had heard wasn't accurate.

"No, those numbers are quite inflated. We were looking at those numbers and we'll have a better idea, but not nearly that many. We've heard that rumour kind of floating around before, but that isn't necessarily where we are right now, but we'll bring an accurate number for you, if we can get that," Hahn said during the trustees' committee of the whole meeting on Sept. 8.

Following the meeting, a spokesperson for the school board told the *Echo* that TLDSB doesn't have a way of counting students from seasonal residences versus students from year-round households.

"There have been no significant increases across the board in terms of enrolment," Sinead Fegan emailed in response to a question from the *Echo*. "We do not collect data to determine if a student is a seasonal resident, so would have no way to answer that question."

With files from Sue Tiffin

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— TLDSB communications officer
Sinead Fegan

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A long run done

Duncan Farthing-Nichol finishes the virtual Boston Marathon on Saturday, Sept. 12 in Haliburton. Farthing-Nichol, who was participating in his first Boston Marathon, finished the 42.2 kilometre distance in a time of 3:04:15. Runners from all over the world were participating in a virtual version of the famous running event, instead of running it in-person after it was postponed and then cancelled due to the spread of COVID-19. /Submitted by Brenden McKee

Board sees spike in male elementary student suspensions in 2019–2020

JENN WATT

Editor

Despite the 2019-2020 school year being cut short, with COVID-19 precautionary closures beginning March 13, 2020, more than 1,100 suspensions were issued across the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Numbers were presented to school board trustees at their committee of the whole meeting on Sept. 8.

The top three reasons for suspensions were conduct injurious to well being, conduct injurious to moral tone and code of conduct violations.

"There are a total of 1,149 suspensions occurred and that's represented by 1,064 students, so that we're only counting students' names once with a total number of days being 3,397," said Dave Golden, superintendent of learning. Twelve students were expelled during the school year.

The previous school year, 2018-2019, 1,724 suspensions were issued, which was the highest number in a seven-year period. However, Golden reminded the board that

three months of school were missed due to COVID-19 closures. Eight of the suspensions in 2019-2020 were issued while school buildings were closed.

The number of male elementary students who received suspensions was highlighted by Golden as an area of specific concern. Even with the shorter in-school year, more than 500 suspensions were handed out to male elementary school students in 2019-2020. A chart presented at the meeting shows that number just above 400 in 2018-2019 and below 200 in the 2016-2017 school year, which was the lowest in the seven-year comparison. Male students far more commonly received suspensions than did female students.

"There is quite a large rise in the number of male elementary students as you can see in the 19-20 [bar graph] even taking off the number of months that we are [removing], it's still very high, the highest we've had in several years, so certainly a piece that we're going to be investigating further as to what we can do to make a difference in that area," Golden said.

Starting this year, there will be no more suspensions for students in junior kindergarten to Grade 3. Last year, 145 suspensions were issued to students in those grades.

Seven Year Comparison of Suspension Occurrences by Gender



A seven-year comparison of suspension occurrences by gender included in a report to school board trustees at the Trillium Lakelands District School Board meeting held Sept. 8 shows an increase over the past few years in the number of male elementary school students who received suspensions. / Slide from TLDSB report, Sept. 8.

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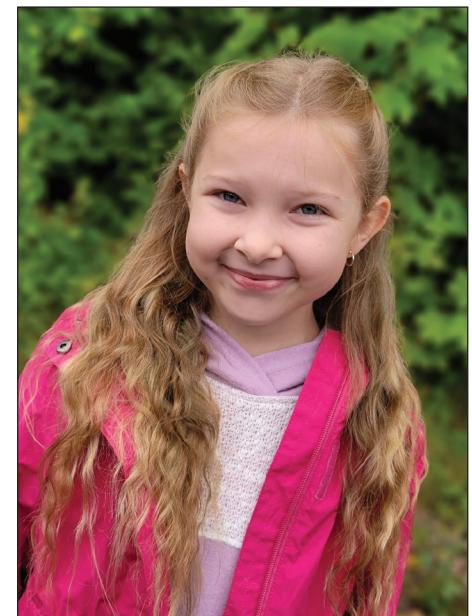
Logan and Lucas Burke began Grade 8 and 4 at JDHES last week.



Emma Burbidge was ready for the start of Grade 1.



Hartlee Reynolds began Grade 1 at SBES.



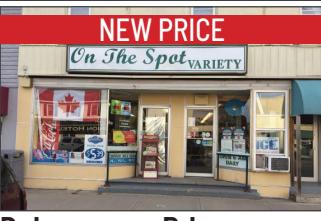
Elaina is back to school for Grade 5 this year.



Chloe Bryant began senior kindergarten at Stuart Baker, while future students - her twin sisters Ella and Emma - saw her off on her first day back.



The Cox kids chose home learning this year, and got organized in learning spaces complete with a plant. Kinley will be starting Grade 3 and Aliyah and Everly are starting Grade 1

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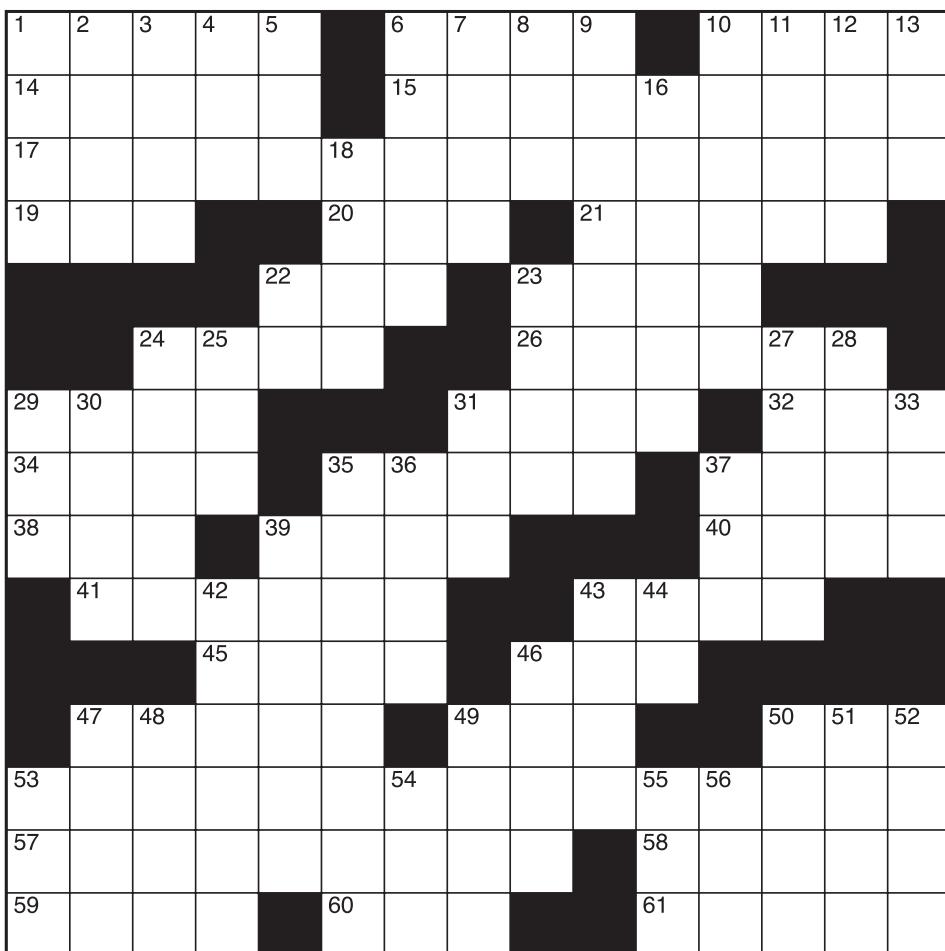
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6. __ Mater: one's school
10. National capital
14. Frogs and toads order
15. Bathrooms (French)
17. Praise
19. Witch
20. Consume
21. Pork and lamb are two types
22. Rocky peak
23. Women's undergarments
24. From end to end
26. Bed sheets
29. South Sudanese king
31. Dislike immensely
32. Diving seabird
34. Breathe noisily
35. Full of roots
37. Inside
38. Small island in a river
39. Tear into pieces
40. "CSI" actor George
41. Make less dense
43. Derogatory term for a country native
45. Pike and pickerel genus
46. Important in respiration and other biochemical reactions (abbr.)
47. Belgian city
49. "The Joy Luck Club" author
50. Essence of "Aloha"
53. Suggestions
57. One who overindulges
58. Expression
59. Maize dough
60. Make into leather
61. British noblemen

CLUES DOWN

1. One of two or more people or things
2. Small, deerlike water buffalo
3. Part of a ladder
4. Unit of work

5. Patriotic women
6. Fragrant essential oil
7. Aggressive, uncouth man
8. One thousandth of an inch
9. Brisk and cheerful readiness
10. Serving no practical purpose
11. Prevent from going forward
12. Camera part
13. Former CIA
16. Colourless, odourless gas
18. Long division of time
22. Atomic #73
23. Make a bleating sound
24. The kids love him
25. Female condition prior to menstrual period
27. Founder of Sikhism
28. Sudanese swamp
29. He/she can help with your finances
30. Part of the human body
31. Mortar trough
33. Greek island
35. Change pagination
36. Queens hip hop group
37. Precursor to the EU
39. A way to go on
42. Slender marine fish
43. Georgetown's mascot
44. Farm state
46. Military leader (abbr.)
47. Russian river
48. Teams' best pitchers
49. In a more positive way
50. Long French river
51. Reactive structures in organic chemistry
52. Distinctive practices
53. Male gypsy
54. When you hope to get there
55. Men's fashion accessory
56. Journalist Tarbell

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Donors needed to fund new welcome centre

JENN WATT

Editor

With fewer fundraisers this summer due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Rotary Club of Haliburton is reaching out to the community to help them fund the new welcome centre and public washrooms at Head Lake Park.

The project, which is being funded in large part through the federal government's Canadian Experience Fund, includes a \$75,000 commitment from Rotary.

"The Rotary Club of Haliburton is excited to work with and help Dysart [and] we're thankful for Dysart for doing this and we're thankful for the federal government to give the bulk of the money," said Andrew Hodgson, campaign chair for the Rotary Club of Haliburton. "...Things like Music in the Park, the summer carnival, Lobsterfest etc., all those were cancelled this year because of COVID. ... Of the \$75,000, we have some money tucked away, but we didn't have quite enough, so we're asking the com-

munity to help us with a fundraising initiative."

Although the club had a very successful car draw this year, Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation rules specify that money raised in a lottery cannot be used on municipal property. The welcome centre is being built on property owned by the Municipality of Dysart et al.

"The reality is, we can't use our car draw, which we're very fortunate that our community supports – again this year so well," said Hodgson.

The Rotary Club is welcoming all donations toward the project and those who donate \$100 or more will receive a charitable tax receipt. Those who donate \$500 or more will be recognized on a donor plaque.

So far, more than \$14,000 in donations have come in for the project. To donate, go to <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/201> and follow the link. To pay with credit card, you can email haliburtonrotary@gmail.com. Cheques can be made payable to Rotary Club of Haliburton and mailed to P.O. Box 832 Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0.

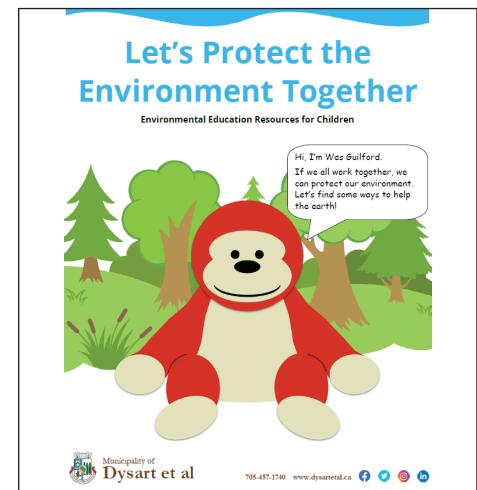
Dysart launches new environmental activity book for children

To encourage recycling at home and in the community, the Municipality of Dysart et al has created an environmental education activity book, *Let's Protect the Environment Together*.

Let's Protect the Environment Together features Dysart's recycling gorilla mascot, Wes Guilford, and includes waste sorting activities, a word search, colouring page, and other educational tools.

Teachers, early childhood educators, and homeschooling parents can use the *Let's Protect the Environment Together* activity book to support language arts, social studies, science and technology, and arts curriculum.

You can pick up a copy of *Let's Protect the Environment Together* from any of Dysart's five landfills – Haliburton, Harcourt, Kennisis Lake, West Bay, and West Guilford – during regular operating hours. Just ask a landfill attendant. There's no



cost, but activity books are only available while supplies last. You can also download it free at www.dysartetal.ca.

Go on a virtual journey Oct. 3

Join area residents as they take you on a virtual journey, through their travel tales told during an online special performance called Six-Minute Escapes.

The experience is being coordinated by the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands and the Haliburton Reads & Writes Committee and broadcast on YouTube Saturday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

"The Six-Minute Escape is a collection of six-minute videos by filmmakers, renowned authors, and local folk who will take the audience on journeys as they share their adventures in new lands, distant or just down the street. Whether their stories take us overseas, or up to the skies in a float plane or on a 'loony' swim across Canning Lake, presenters will entertain, inspire and excite viewers," a media release from organizers says.

It doesn't cost anything to watch the program, but donations are welcome. Money raised by the arts council will go

to its programming and services that help artists during the difficult economic times created by the coronavirus pandemic.

"Leaving 'home' always gives us something new to experience. The past few months of lockdown, restrictions, shortages and uncertainty has affected us all. The Reads & Writes Committee of the arts council hopes this important fundraiser will help our community and transport the audience on a wonderful imaginary journey," Ruth Walker of Haliburton Reads & Writes Committee said.

Search for "Arts Council Haliburton Highlands" on YouTube to find the organization's channel where you will find a teaser video as well as the Six-Minute Escape video on Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

A GoFundMe page for the arts council can be found at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/6-minute-escape>.

Staff

Land trust launches online auction

Bidding for the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's Rock Our World online auction remains open this month until Tuesday, Sept. 22. The auction helps fundraise for the management and conservation work the charity does in Haliburton County.

The land trust manages several properties across the county, including the Dahl Forest, which is open to the public for hiking. The Barnum Creek Nature Reserve, located near Haliburton Village, is to open soon.

The auction includes handcrafted one-of-a-kind items and gift certificates for local dining, among other things.

Bidding takes place on Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's Facebook page.

New board chair

The land trust is welcoming new board chair Greg Wickware and thanking outgoing chair Mary-Lou Gerstl for her dedicated service.

Gerstl has been chair since 2016 and presided over several accomplishments including the acquisition of the 600-acre Barnum Creek Nature Reserve property.

"Mary-Lou has been an excellent leader. Her passion for all species and their habitats and her dedication to protecting the environment are unparalleled. Mary-Lou made it her business to know everything about the workings of the land trust, from administrative details to grant applications. She was involved in almost every HHLT project and event," a press release from the land trust reads.

Wickware has been vice-chair of the board since 2017 and is a retired research scientist and expert in geomatics, the study of the earth's surface.

"Greg has facilitated a number of interesting and important U-Links/Trent University student research projects over the years. He has acted as an advisor and has supervised many students in the field at land trust properties and at their computers as they write up the results of their research," the press release says.

Wickware was also involved with the Barnum Creek acquisition with property owners Margaret and Leopoldina Dobrzensky.

Staff



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REVIEW

Review of Long-Term Management Direction Bancroft-Minden Forest 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Bancroft Minden Forest Company (BMFC) and the Bancroft-Minden Local Citizens' Committee (LCC) invite you to review and comment on the proposed long-term management direction for the 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Bancroft-Minden Forest.

The Planning Process

The FMP takes approximately three years to complete. During this time, five formal opportunities for public consultation and First Nation and Métis community involvement and consultation are provided. The first opportunity (Stage One) for this FMP occurred on October 15, 2018 when the public was invited to "Participate" in the development of the plan. This 'Stage Two' notice is:

- To invite you to review and comment on:
 - the proposed long-term management direction for the forest;
 - the areas which could reasonably be harvested, and the preferred areas for harvest operations, during the 10-year period of the plan.
- To request your contribution to background information to be used in planning.

How to Get Involved

To facilitate your review, a summary of the proposed long-term management direction for the forest can be obtained electronically on the Ontario government website www.ontario.ca/forestplans. A summary map(s) of the preferred and optional harvest areas for the 10-year period of the plan and alternative corridors for each new primary road which is required for the next 20 years will also be available electronically. In addition to the most current versions of the information and maps which were available at Stage One of public consultation, the following information and maps will be available electronically:

- Draft First Nation and Métis Background Information Report (only if the First Nation and Métis community(ies) agree);
- Summary of public comments and submissions received to date and any responses to those comments and submissions;
- A summary report of the results of the desired forest and benefits meeting;
- Maps that portray past and approved areas of harvest operations for the current forest management plan and the previous 10 years;
- Criteria used for the identification of areas that could reasonably be harvested during the 10-year period of the plan;
- The rationale for the preferred areas for harvest;
- Summary report of the activities of the local citizens' committee to date.

The above information can be made available electronically by contacting the Bancroft Minden Forest Company and/or MNRF, below, during normal office hours for a period of 30 days from **September 15, 2020 – October 15, 2020**.

Comments on the proposed long-term management direction for the Bancroft-Minden Forest must be received by Corinne Arthur of the planning team by **October 15, 2020**.

Remote meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCC can be requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to remotely meet planning team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests and concerns with a planning team member, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

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Bancroft-Minden Local Citizens' Committee (LCC)
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During the planning process there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNRF District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the 2020 *Forest Management Planning Manual (Part A, Section 2.4.1)*.

Stay Involved

There will be three more formal opportunities for you to be involved. These stages are listed and tentatively scheduled as follows:

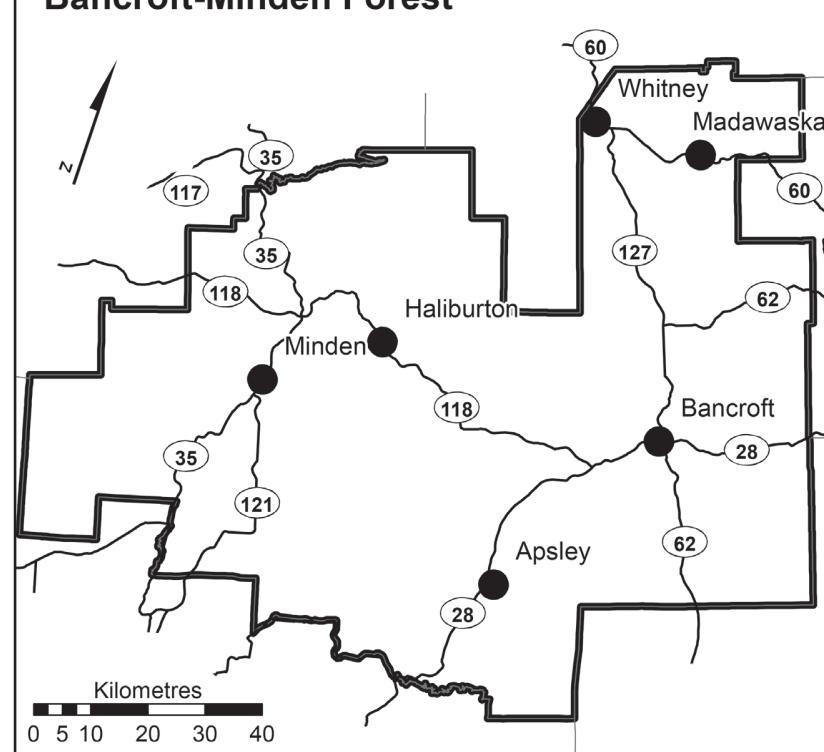
- Stage Three - Information Centre: Review of Proposed Operations**
- Stage Four - Information Centre: Review of Draft Forest Management Plan**
- Stage Five - Inspection of MNRF-Approved Forest Management Plan**

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If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Jennifer Card, Resource Management Coordinator, at jennifer.card@ontario.ca.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority provided by the Forest Management Planning Manual, 2020 approved by regulation under Section 68 of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*, 1994. Any personal information you provide (home and/or email address, name, telephone number, etc.) may be used and shared between MNRF and/or the sustainable forest licensee to contact you regarding comments submitted. Your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may also be used by the MNRF to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Shari MacDonald by e-mail: shari.macdonald@ontario.ca.

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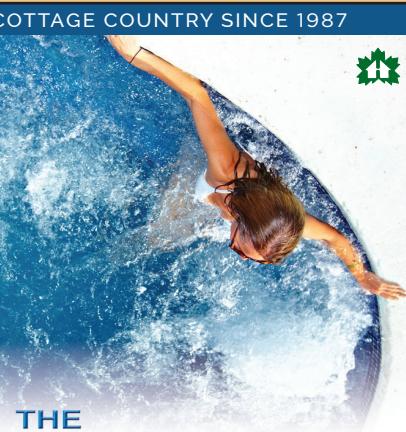
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- Perform road tests and safety inspections.

Successful Candidates Possess:

- Strong desire to learn.
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- Able to operate manual and automatic transmissions.
- Strong Aptitude of technical/mechanical repairs.
- Ability to work in a team and possesses strong interpersonal skills with an upbeat and engaging attitude.

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Climate Action Protest

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Please bring your signs or banners and masks as we will be adhering to social distancing guidelines.

This event is sponsored by Environment Haliburton! and Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County.

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BOARD MEMBERS WANTED

SIRCH Community Services is a charitable organization in Haliburton County with a focus on poverty reduction, food security and community connection. Known for innovation and the ability to pivot, SIRCH has a variety of programs and social enterprises that contribute to community health.

We are looking for a new board member to join our team.
 Here's what the current board members have to say:

"I feel privileged to serve an organization that so sincerely seeks to understand the needs of the community, and then provides programming tailored to meet those needs, reaching so many throughout our county." (Pam Hewitt-Osborne)

"Working with SIRCH's board of directors fulfills my passion to serve the community." (Barb Fawcett)

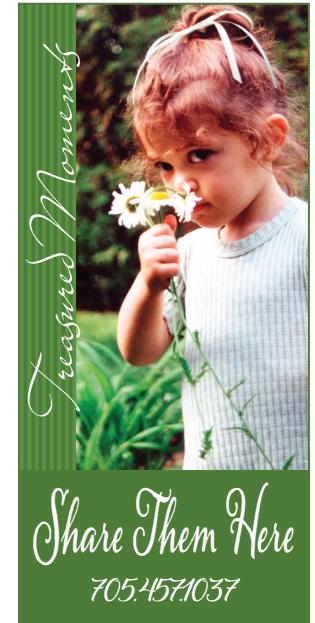
"Being a part of an organization that sees the potential in everyone regardless of their circumstances, and truly believes that no one is disposable, is inspiring. Everything SIRCH does comes down to one thing—helping people." (Erin Kernohan-Berning)

"People helping people is the hallmark of a compassionate and caring community. As a member of the Board of Directors, I feel privileged to be a part of an organization which lives out this mandate through 'an unwavering belief in people and possibilities'." (Marc Beishem)

"I leave every board meeting feeling inspired and hopeful. Serving on the board provides me with a better understanding of the issues people are facing in Haliburton County and lets me see firsthand how SIRCH is meeting the immediate needs of people living here. For a minimal commitment of time each month, I get to contribute to making a difference in my community. I love it." (Sarah Adams)

"See it, Believe it, Achieve it This is why I chose to belong to this forward thinking organization. SIRCH is a corner stone agency within Haliburton County, that has an unwavering belief in people and possibilities." (Maureen Ruttig)

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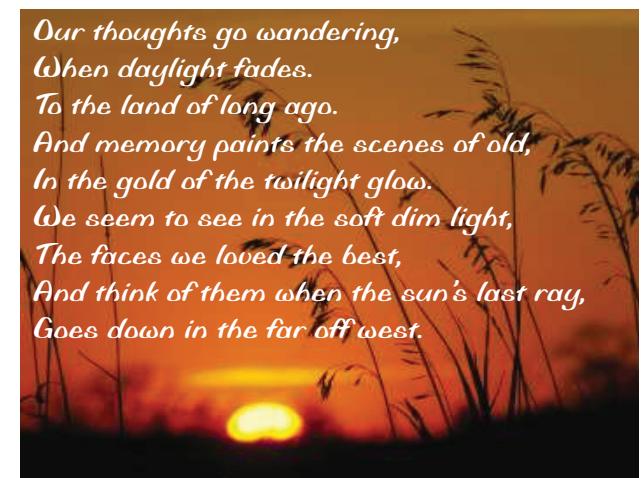
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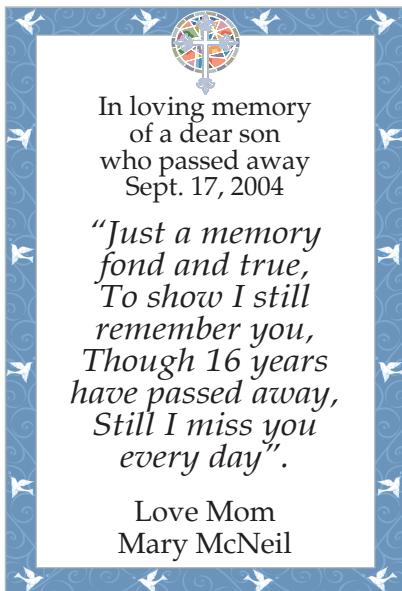


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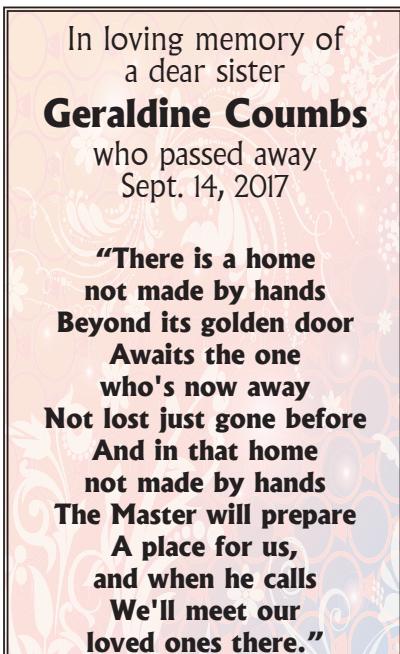
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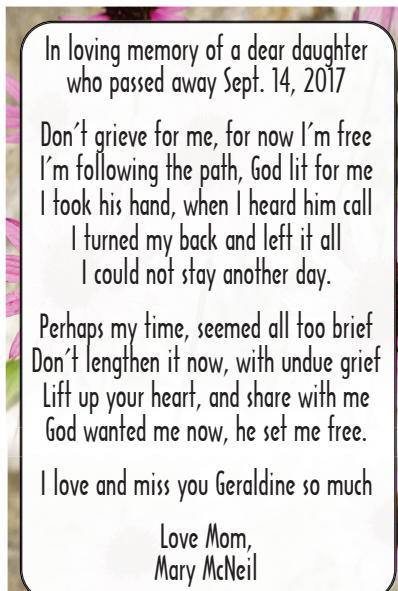
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"Heaven's gate swung gently open, The Master called softly, "come", And you dear one, Took the Master's hand, And your work on earth was done. We'll never cease to miss you, And shed many silent tears, Because we cannot share with you, Our hopes, our joys, our fears. But one day, in God's Garden, When the Master calls us to come, You'll be at the gates with open arms, And say to us, "Welcome Home."

650 OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of
David Howell

Passed away peacefully at home on Monday, September 7, 2020 surrounded by his loving family, at the age of 68.

Loving husband and best friend for 44 years to Corinne Howell (nee Worrell). Loving father to Daniel (Rachel) and Louise (Matthew), loving grandad to Jack, Kingston, Mason and Roman. Son of the late Ronald William Howell, survived by his mother Violet Howell. Loving brother to Susan (Nigel) from England, survived by brother Christopher (Sharon) also from England. David will be greatly missed by his sister-in-law Bernadette, her husband Michael Trotter (Cobourg). Loving uncle and will be sadly missed by Katie and Harriet Bucklow from England, Austin, Regan, Emma and Chloe Trotter from Cobourg.

It was Dave's wish for cremation and private family arrangements.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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The new president was born in Haliburton and except for a short time that he was employed in Toronto, has resided in this area. Don has been employed for the past several years as car salesman at Curry Motors Ltd.

We might say that he was one of the best hockey players to ever come out of Haliburton, as he played for years on the defense for the Haliburton Huskies. He is a member of the Haliburton Fire Department and takes a great interest in local affairs.

Kennisis Lake Development Limited Has Good Selling Season So Far This Year

Kennisis Lake Development Limited, the owners of several lots of Sub-division on Big Kennisis Lake, report through its Real Estate agent, Gary Vasey of Minden, that it has had a very successful selling

Dennis McClelland Speaks To Rotary

Dennis McClelland, camp director of the YMCA at Camp Wanakita near Donald, gave an outstanding talk to the members of the Haliburton Rotary Club on Thursday night. He explained the operation and objectives of the camp and went on to say that the 14 acres they now own makes it one of the finest campsites in Ontario.

The slides shown to the members took the members on a tour of the camp from when a boy arrives until his holidays are over. He was introduced by Grant Rae.

Spruce Lake News

The former Mrs. J. Woods of Spruce Lake has remarried and is now Mrs. William Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have arrived home from England after their honeymoon and are presently holidaying at Spruce Lake.

Dysart Community Centres Board New Arena Fund

All donations can be used for income tax purposes. All donations toward this fund can be sent to Albert LaRue, Phone 195W, Haliburton.

Last week's total 6572.00

Original Rink fund 143.11

Minor Hockey and Baseball 23.57

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TOTAL TO DATE \$6839.08

Welcome To The Legion Carnival

The Carnival season gets underway next Wednesday night. And as usual, there will be a July 22nd, when the Haliburton Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion will stage their Annual Legion Carnival.

This year's Carnival will be held on the Main Street, due to the fact that the Haliburton Arena has been torn down. One of the features of this year's event will be a street dance and this should prove very popular with both young and old. Those attending the Carnival will be treated to entertain-

ment put on by local talent. The highlight of the evening will be the draw for the 1964 Chevrolet Impala Hard-Top Automatic.

Proceeds from the Carnival will be used for Legion Welfare. So we say welcome to the Annual Legion Carnival to be held this coming Wednesday, July 22nd. Bring the whole family and have a real night out.



Missing Scout Finishes Hike By Taxi

LINDSAY (ENS) — The search for a 13-year-old Boy Scout at the Haliburton Scout Reserve Sunday morning ended before it began.

The boy, Keith Henders, 69 Lawrence Rd., Willowdale, was reported missing by six companions who had accompanied him on a hike. He apparently ran into the bush and became lost. Const. Donald Lloyd, of Haliburton Ontario Provincial Police detachment was called about 11 p.m. Saturday. He was in the process of organizing a search for the boy when he turned up in camp in a taxi.

The scout told Const. Lloyd he had emerged from the bush at Wilberforce, eight miles away, and had taken a taxi back to the Scout Reserve.

Const. Lloyd said the boy tramped through the eight miles of bush in a thunderstorm.

(Peterborough Examiner)

What Dysart Council Did

Dysart Council met on Monday morning last with all members present.

General accounts Nos. 443 to 501 and Road Accounts 253 to 327 along with Relief Accounts Nos. R111 to 126, including the medical amounted to \$69,233.64; after due consideration said accounts were approved. The amount expended for welfare amounted to \$633.03, down sharply from a year ago when it amounted to \$766.03.

The Road Superintendent was requested to investigate the old C.N.R. right of way at Harcourt and report his findings back to council on the application of A. H. Scott.

The following conveyances were accepted and recommended to the Department of Municipal Affairs for approval of the minister as required by By-law 59-8.

Part of Lot 5, Con. VII, Township of Dysart from R. J. Bishop to Leslie G. Henwood and Hazel D. Henwood.

Part of Lot 18, Con. 7, Dysart from Jean Bishop to R. J. and Noreen Bishop.

Part of Lot 9, Con. 1, Dysart from White and Plummer to Leslie.

Part of Lots 1 and 2, Con. 1.

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Business Is Good

The tourist business seems to have got away to a flying start this year. It usually is about July 15th before things get under high gear in this respect, but during the past two weeks business has been well ahead of other years. This condition seems to be general throughout the Highlands. All signs seem to indicate that we will enjoy the best year as far as summer business is concerned ever.

The ECHO Phone Number Is 350W

Office Will Be Closed

Mr. J. Douglas Hodgson, principal of the Haliburton County Secondary School has informed the Echo that the office of the said school will be closed from July 20th to August 17th.

Haliburton Home Prey To Flames

The home and contents of the fire is unknown. We understand that the building and contents were partially covered by insurance.

To Start Work Soon On New Arena

The old Haliburton Community Arena has been torn down and removed. The ground work is being done and levelled off. So now we are all ready to make preparations to build the new Arena and Community Centre.

Albert LaRue informs us that he is taking donations toward the new Arena, but that it is impossible to see everyone personally. So if you would like to make a contribution, just send in your donation to Albert LaRue, Haliburton, Ont.

Parking Facilities

Some time ago we wrote an article regarding new parking regulations; the said article explained that owing to parallel parking in Haliburton, parking space in so far as the main thoroughfare was concerned would somewhat be curtailed. Cars and trucks have tended to get longer but our streets are not any wider, hence in order to make for better passage on Highland Street parallel parking on both sides was adopted.

In some quarters the impression seems to be that people parking on Highland Street are not so welcome guests; this is in error. Anyone who can find space to park on our streets is welcome to do so and the members of Dysart Municipal Council have asked us to correct this impression. One thing that has helped make parking a little better here is the fact that local businessmen, who in the off season park their cars in front of their businesses, have found other parking spaces. Every town or village of any size have parking problems and we are sure when the need arises for additional space, it will be found. As far as those who wish to come into town

to do business, please come in and do so. As in the past the welcome mat is out.

Rev. McNeil To Address B.A.C.

Rev. Noel McNeil of the Pentecostal Church at Haliburton will address the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen at their Corporate Communion and Breakfast this Sunday, July 19th at 8 a.m. at St. Andrew's Church at West Guilford.

Big Crowd At Slipper

Another big crowd at the Slipper last Saturday night. Manager Al Perrin says giving the Hi-Fi music as well as Fred Clements and his live band has made a big impression with the dancers. They like it.

Caller Mr. Bob McCaw says

he had 12 sets going in the Square dance.

That's putting fun in dancing or getting fun out of it.

Legion Civic Opening Dance



The Haliburton Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion have announced that they will be holding a Civic Opening Dance in their new Legion Hall at Haliburton on Friday, July 31st. The Secretary-Manager of the Legion, Marshall Leighton, in-

forms us two orchestras will be in attendance for your dancing pleasure. The big evening will get underway at 6 p.m. with a buffet and refreshments. The admission will be \$2.50 per person. This promises to be one of the highlights of the year.

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Stunning year-round log home or cottage. Private, level yard. This spacious, open concept home features, 4 bdrms, 3 baths and second kitchen in lower level. Excellent layout for rental income, in-law suite or additional cooking/living space for those large family gatherings. Master bedroom with walk-in closet and 4pc ensuite. Fully finished walk-out lower level. Detached double garage, 3 season bunkie and storage shed. Deeded access on gorgeous Miskwabi Lake.

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Cute and cozy 2-bedroom cottage. Surrounded by 8.97 acres of mature trees providing ample privacy and stunning beaver meadow views, a wildlife delight. Open concept, 4pc bath with clawfoot tub. Southern exposure. Dock at waterfront with a quiet road traveled between. Public boat launch right next door. The spectacular lake views are a must to see.

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NEW LISTING

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